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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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| STATE District of Columbia | COUNTY | TOWN OR VICINITY Washington |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) White House | | HABS NO. DC-37 |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE (Executive Mansion; White House National Historic Park) | | |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW | | |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1792-1810 | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) James Hoban | |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Home of the President of the United States, the White House has come to be a symbol of American government. Architecturally, it is a fine example of the Federal/Greek Revival styles. | | |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Federal/Greek Revival | | |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Aquia sandstone | | |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 170' x 85'; 2 stories plus attic; east and west terraced galleries; east and west wings | | |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Ionic portico on north facade; ionic semi-circular portico on south facade; triangular and segmental window surrounds; balustrade at roof line | | |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Expertly decorated and furnished, with emphasis in the public rooms on classical motifs | | |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1807: east and west terraced galleries designed by Benjamin Latrobe. 1814: burned by the British during the War of 1812. 1814-1817: rebuilt under James Hoban 1824-1829: porticoes added under Hoban's direction using Latrobe designs 1902: interior completely CONTINUED | | |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE | | |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) White House Historical Association. <u>The White House: An Historic Guide</u> . 1973. Federal Writer's Project. <u>Washington: City and Capital</u> . American Guide Series, 1937. | | |
| COMPILER, AFFILIATION Druscilla J. Null, HABS | | DATE 8/25/83 |

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES

refurbished and west wing added, McKim, Mead and White, architects. 1948-1952:
interior completely gutted and rebuilt to preserve structural soundness

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